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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, after the section entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION, with the following:

This ~~national phase~~ application is a ~~continuation~~ national phase application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/009364, filed August 20, 2004, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 103 38 733.1, filed August 22, 2003. The disclosures of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.